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RUSSIAN ARMY HEMMED WITHIN NARROW AREAS

Possible Withdrawal Space is Only About 30 Miles Across.

ALLIES GET A VICTORY.

Interest Will Center, However, Upon German Successes Around Warsaw Vicinity.

The Teutonic allies continue successfully their operations against the Russians in northwest Russia and in Poland an engagement to drive the remaining Russians from East Galicia has begun; the British have recaptured trenches in Belgium, taken from them recently and have captured 700 yards of additional trenches there; French airmen have bombarded Saarbrücken in Rhenish Prussia; the Italians and Austrians still are in heavy combat on the mountains in the valleys and on the plains in the Austro-Italian grounds.

These in brief, are the latest developments of the war as made public through the various war channels.

Starting in northwest Russia, where the fortress of Kovno is closely pressed, down through Poland to a point below Warsaw and thence eastward across the Vistula and northeastward between the Vistula and the Bug, the Teutons, according to Berlin and Vienna, are drawing more closely together the lines which threaten to clear Poland entirely of the armies of Emperor Nicholas. Von Hindenburg's troops, north and northeast of Warsaw, are pressing east and southeast and a ring of beleaguers has been forged around Novogeorgievsk, the last Russian stronghold on the Vistula line. Praga, the eastern suburb of Warsaw has been captured. The railroad from Warsaw to Lublin has been crossed between Ivangorod and Garwolin. Between the Vistula and Bug and along the Vleprz the Russians still are falling back.

The bag of prisoners at Warsaw was small, Berlin declaring that only a few thousand were taken. Nor has the number captured by Archduke Joseph Ferdinand been large, Vienna asserting merely that the number of men captured by him "has been increased to 8,000."

Although the Teutonic allies seemingly have not been successful as yet in entrapping any large section of the Russian forces, they have, according to the Overseas Agency, obtained a bountiful supply of foodstuffs for their men and forage for their horses. The news agency reports that many farmers disobeyed the Russian orders to destroy their crops and that the Germans and Austrians therefore have come in for a full harvest of rye, wheat and oats.

London, Aug. 9.—While the Austro-German armies made fresh progress against the Russians today, the conflict in the west swung in favor of the allies. Sir John French reported that in a fierce artillery engagement the British and French captured trenches at Hooze, along a front of 1,200 yards.

The occupation of Praga reported by Berlin, brings to a climax the first phase of the German drive eastward from Warsaw. Praga is essentially a part of the capital, with great railway stations on the roads running to Petrograd and Moscow. Few details have been received of the final Russian stand at Praga but indications are that withdrawal became imperative to escape from the German lines gradually drawing together in the rear.

Warsaw is now the apex of the Russian V, the arms of which are the Vistula on the north and the Bug on the south. The German lines spread along these rivers are contracting gradually as the armies in the north and those in the south approach each other. The strip of territory across which the Russians may withdraw to safer positions now is only about 30 miles across.

Besides this enveloping movement immediately east of Warsaw, Berlin reports a steady hammering at the great Russian fortresses of Kovno and Lomza, whose chief significance is their proximity to the lines of railway communications to Petrograd.

MEMBERS OF NAVY BOARD.

Two From Aeronautic Society Are Named.

New York, Aug. 8.—The American Society of Aeronautic Engineers tonight announced the appointment of Henry A. Wise Wood, its president, and Elmer A. Sperry, its vice president, as members of the navy advisory board.

A special committee was named to co-operate with Mr. Wood and Mr. Sperry. Its members are Orville Wright, Glenn H. Curtis, W. Starling Burgess, Charles H. Manly, Peter Cooper Hewitt, John Hays Hammond, Jr., Joseph A. Steinhilber, Thomas H. Baldwin, A. Leo Stevens, Halph H. Upson and Raymond B. Pice.

CAPTERTON SEIZES CUSTOMS OFFICE

Eight Hundred Haitian Soldiers Escorted to Their Homes by American Marines.

Washington, Aug. 8.—Rear Admiral Caperton, commanding the American naval forces in Haiti, reported tonight that he had taken over the administration of the customs office at Cape Haitien and had placed Paymaster Charles Morris in charge. No mention was made of the reported seizure of the customs office at Port au Prince.

Business conditions in Cape Haitien the dispatch said, were improving and there was an apparent disposition among the natives to support the city government being reorganized by Admiral Caperton. The admiral's dispatch reported the arrival of the Haitian gunboat Nord Alexis at Port au Prince with 800 disarmed Haitian soldiers, who were escorted to their homes by American marines after pledging themselves to keep the peace.

"DIXIE DAY" POSTPONED.

Party of Southerners Fail to Reach 'Frisco on Time.

San Francisco, Aug. 9.—The Dixie Day celebration at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, planned for today, was postponed until next Friday, owing to the failure of an expected delegation of Southerners to reach San Francisco.

The party is headed by Clarence J. Owens, managing director of the Southern Commercial Congress, and past commander of the Sons of the Confederate Veterans and is expected tomorrow.

ANOTHER SLIDE AT PANAMA.

Vessels Delayed by Movement at Gaillard Cut.

Panama, Aug. 7.—An earth movement at Gaillard Cut in the Panama canal has reduced the channel's depth of less than twenty feet. This has delayed the passage of ten vessels, including the steamer Finland, bound from New York for San Francisco with 560 passengers.

It is said that traffic will probably be resumed Monday.

Novogeorgievsk is the only place west of Warsaw at which a Russian garrison remains and its fall seems important.

The attitude of the Poles towards the new German regime is arousing deep interest for the occupation of Warsaw unites for the first time three branches of the Poles heretofore divided among Russia, Germany and Austria. Under the Russian regime Poland has been a hot-bed of disorder and it remains to be seen whether occupation of this territory will be as difficult a problem for Germany as it has been for Russia.

Berlin's official report characterized the operations around Hooze as "a battle" but Sir John French's later report shows them to have been another trench fight preceded by a severe artillery exchange. The allies' success there has served to divert public attention temporarily from the magnitude of the German sweep into the east but operations in the west still lack general significance. The commander of another British submarine, whose name has not yet been disclosed, was reported today to have distinguished himself by sinking the Turkish battleship Kheved-Din Barbarossa.

REJECTED BONA FIDE PROPOSALS FOR PEACE

Russia Will Not Trade Galicia For Poland.

STRUGGLE TO CONTINUE.

Germany Preparing to Sweep Serbia Out of the Path Between Turkey and Austria-Hungary.

London, Aug. 9.—Russia having rejected what in England is regarded as a bona fide proposal made by the German Emperor, for peace with a part of Poland traded for Galicia, the great struggle in the east must continue and as there is no indication of an immediate general offensive in the west, the struggle of the Russian forces to shake themselves free of the Austro-German grip remains the chief factor in the war news.

The operations in the Dardanelles will be closely watched because of their possible bearing on the Balkan situation again simmering by reason of renewed quadruple entente pressure on Bulgaria and Greece. Never before has the importance of these operations been more keenly realized in Great Britain and France than now, especially as there are many indications that Germany plans to deliver her next hard blow against Serbia in order to link up with Turkey.

It is increasingly manifest that Germany looks to the east for a settlement of the war. By overrunning Serbia she would occupy a very favorable strategic position to invoke Bulgaria's aid in reaching Constantinople along the main line. The expectations of such a move doubtless has brought about renewed negotiations between the entente allies and Bulgaria.

The Turks claim successes in the recent trench warfare on the Gallipoli peninsula but there has been no noteworthy change in the situation. The Austro-Germans continue to make progress to the northeast and to the southeast of Warsaw and the Austro-Hungarians claim to have cut in two the Russian forces which retreated after losing the Lublin-Chelm railroad.

COLONEL GOETHALS RESIGNS.

To Step Down as Governor of Canal Zone November 1.

New York, Aug. 9.—Gen. George Goethals' resignation as governor of the Panama canal zone recently sent to Washington designates November 4 as the date of his retirement according to announcement made by him on his arrival here today. He resigned because he believes his work in Panama is done now that the canal is operating satisfactorily.

General Goethals has spent seven years in Panama. Should his resignation as governor be accepted, he said today, he still will retain his commission in the army. He came to the United States in response to a summons to Washington where it is understood he will confer with officials on the national defense especially with reference to the canal zone.

WOULD RECALL THE MAYOR.

Petition for Election Circulated in Atlanta.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 7.—Resolutions were adopted at a mass-meeting here tonight asking the recall of Mayor Woodward and six other members of the board of police commissioners who recently voted to remove James L. Beaver as chief.

The circulation of petitions to obtain the signatures of 25 per cent of the city's voters—the number necessary to have a recall election called—was begun immediately after the meeting. The object of the movement was defined by speakers as "the redemption of a righteous man crucified."

Clearing Panama Canal.

Washington, Aug. 9.—Half a mile of earth which slid into the Panama canal last week, reducing the depth in Gaillard cut to 19 feet, will have been dredged away within the next three days, canal officials reported today. Ten steamers are awaiting passage.

CABINET MEMBERS HOLD CONFERENCE

McAdoo and Lansing Talk Over Mexican Situation.

WILL RESUME WEDNESDAY

Secretary of State Announces That Pan-American Negotiations Will be Continued.

Washington, Aug. 8.—The Pan-American Conference initiated here last week to devise a plan for restoring government in Mexico probably will be resumed in New York next Wednesday.

Secretary Lansing made this announcement tonight on his return from New York, where he conferred with Secretary McAdoo on Mexican affairs and the co-operative effort of the United States and Latin-American republics to end the factional strife.

"We talked over the Mexican situation," said Secretary Lansing, "but we did not consider any financial plan for supporting a Mexican government. The principal purpose of my visit was to talk with Mr. McAdoo concerning financial arrangements for the Pan-American Financial Congress to be held at Buenos Aires in September. There is considerable preliminary work to be done in connection with that."

Asked when the conference on Mexico, which recessed here Friday night, would be resumed, Mr. Lansing said:

"It will be resumed early this week, probably on Wednesday, in New York."

Administration officials who have predicted an early peace parley between Mexican factions were not so sanguine today. Reports from Mexico City that General Carranza had ordered Dr. Juan J. Ortega, the Guatemalan minister, to leave the country within 24 hours were responsible for this change in mind. Guatemala is represented in the Latin-American conference and Carranza's drastic action is regarded here as indicating a disposition of unfriendliness toward the conference.

NO REPRESENTATIVES.

Ortega's forced departure from Mexico, together with the departure of M. Cordoza, the Brazilian minister, will leave in the Mexican capital no diplomatic representatives of the seven nations participating in the Mexican conference. Dr. Ortega, it is stated here, has not been on good terms with Carranza for some time. Carranza's agents here have been appealing to the Guatemalan minister to the United States, Mr. Mendez, urging him to support the cause of Carranza in the joint deliberations now being held. Their appeals, it is declared, have not been successful.

Minister Cordoza, who has been in charge of American affairs at Mexico City since the withdrawal of Charge O'Shaughnessy, will leave Vera Cruz Tuesday for the United States. He has been in communication with Ambassador de Gama of Brazil here and one of the Mexican conferees. He will go to Long Branch to see Mr. de Gama as soon as he reaches this country. It has been suggested that Cordoza's information regarding conditions in Mexico will be of value to the diplomats in their consideration of plans for settling Mexico's troubles.

State department officials cabled American Consul Canada at Vera Cruz today instructing him to extend to Minister Cordoza the courtesies of the government.

INQUIRIES AS TO FRANCIS.

Inquiries were sent to Vera Cruz by the state department regarding a report to the Carranza agency that W. H. Francis, a newspaper correspondent and British subject, had been arrested there charged with sending "malicious and libelous information to the foreign press." The Vera Cruz report said that "another correspondent guilty of the same offense and fearing prosecution, has taken refuge in the United States consulate." Consuls Canada and Silliman have been asked to investigate this case also.

With regard to General Carranza's suggestion in the brief filed for him yesterday with the state department that his representatives would con-

TO REMAIN ON JOB.

Japanese Premier Arranges New Cabinet.

Tokio, Aug. 8.—Premier Count Okuma virtually has decided at the request of the Emperor to remain in office, and has arranged the following cabinet:

Premier, Count Shigenobu Okuma; foreign affairs, Count Shigenobu Okuma; finance, Tokitomi Taketomi; marine, Vice Admiral Tomosaburo Kato; war, Lieut. Gen. Ichinosuka Oka; justice, Yukio Ozaki; communications, Katsundo Minoura, or Viscount Masakata Sengoku; commerce and agriculture, Hironaka Kono; education, S. Takata; interior, Kikuro Ichiki.

The assumption by Count Okuma of the foreign ministry, after Takaaki Kato had declined to retain that portfolio is to be temporary, pending selection of a permanent minister.

MEXICANS STARTING SOMETHING WARM

Three Hundred Bandits Have Crossed Over Into Texas and Given Trouble to Ranch Owners.

Brownsville, Tex., Aug. 9.—With the expectation that United States Soldiers sent to Norias ranch last night would relieve the situation there caused by the attack of Mexican bandits, border officials today turned their attention to reports that 300 Mexicans had crossed the border into Hidalgo county, Texas, in small parties and apparently were making their way to a concentration point. Unusual precautions have been taken by peace officers and ranch owners to prevent outbreaks.

Details of the fight at Norias ranch were awaited with interest. Owing to the isolated nature of the country there and the fact that the bandits cut all telephone wires from the ranch only meagre reports had been received early today. These estimated the attacking force of Mexicans as numbering from 50 to 200 men.

Fourteen ranchmen, later reinforced by a detachment of United States soldiers and Texas rangers, repelled the attacks of the outlaws, who left several of their number dead when they finally retreated southward. Five Americans, three of them soldiers, were wounded.

All passenger trains were stopped last night for fear they would be wrecked by the outlaws. Col. Blockson, commanding the lower Texas border patrol, today dispatched additional troops to Lyford, Raymondville and Sebastian.

TWO SURGEONS DROWNED.

Four Perish When Boat Capsizes at Wilmington.

Wilmington, N. C., Aug. 8.—Four persons were drowned here today when their motor boat capsized. They were J. H. Bernemann, Jr., assistant to the chief surgeon of the Atlantic Coast Line; Dr. Morris M. Caldwell, resident surgeon of the Seaboard Air Line; Clall Caldwell of Concord, N. C., brother of Dr. Caldwell, and Chief Engineer Warwell of the German steamer Nicaragua. The party was on its way to visit one of the German steamers.

REFUSES TO OBEY DEMAND.

Capt. Haitien, Aug. 9.—Gen. Cacos, a revolutionary leader, has refused the demand of the American consul that he disarm his men, although urged by Dr. Rosalvo Bobo, his chief. Cacos and his men are outside of Cape Haitien and are stopping supplies from the countryside. Their purpose is to starve the population.

The officer in command of the American marines on shore has sent an ultimatum to all revolutionary chiefs insisting that the people be permitted to pass freely.

For "with any element" in Mexico for the welfare of the country, there have been no developments reported. It is known that the suggestion was despatched to General Villa, now at Juarez, but no response from him has been received.

Jesus Acuna, Carranza's foreign minister, cabled today from Vera Cruz regarding conditions in Mexico City. A report from the capital, he said, announced the opening of the railway southwest of Toluca for bringing provisions purchased by Carranza in the state of Michoacan.

THE BRAZILIAN MINISTER LEAVES MEXICO CITY

Withdrawn to Forestall General Carranza.

FIRST CHIEF IS VEXED.

Carranza Will Leave Vera Cruz for Capital to Proclaim Himself President.

Washington, Aug. 8.—The Brazilian minister, the only diplomatic representative the United States has in Mexico, has been withdrawn by his government to forestall his expulsion by General Carranza. This was stated authoritatively here today.

Washington, Aug. 9.—Carranza officials here said today the Brazilian minister at Mexico City, the only diplomatic representative the United States has in Mexico, has been withdrawn by his government because General Carranza was prepared to expel him from the country as he did Senor Ortega, the Guatemalan minister.

Carranza is Resentful.

Washington, Aug. 9.—The Brazilian minister reported to the state department today that no reason had been given for the expulsion of Senor Ortega and that he himself intended to sail Wednesday from Vera Cruz on a French liner for the United States.

The participation of the two countries in the Pan-American conference in Washington had something to do with this development, it is believed here. Officials who were hoping Carranza would join a peace conference with his adversaries and meet the efforts of the Pan-American nations to settle the factional strife expressed disappointment.

It was said by Carranza agents that neither diplomat had been on good terms with Carranza and that it had been Carranza's intention to hand the Brazilian minister his passports as soon as he recaptured Mexico City. The participation of Brazil and Guatemala in the conference, they said, brought to a climax Carranza's resentment. It was recalled that Castro, the dictator of Venezuela, took much the same action when offended by foreign nations pressing for a settlement of affairs in that country.

FIRST CHIEF GOES TO CAPITAL.

State department advices today said General Carranza was making hurried preparations to move his capital from Vera Cruz to Mexico City. The impression in Mexican circles here is that Carranza proposes to establish himself in Mexico City and probably proclaim himself provisional president.

American naval commanders at Vera Cruz have been ordered to place a warship at the disposal of the two diplomats if they wish it. There are three gunboats in that vicinity, the Wheeling and Machias at Tampico, the Marietta at Progreso and the Sacramento, on which the senior officer, Commander McNamee, has his flag, is at Vera Cruz.

Secretary Lansing announced today that the Pan-American conference would be resumed in New York city Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at an hotel.

Mr. Lansing said he was considering American representation in Mexico City, but did not know what would be done. He assured, however, that American diplomatic affairs would be in a "sort of a state of quiescence" in Mexico City. The reasons for the Brazilian minister's visit to the United States at this time, the secretary said, were unknown to him.

HAS SERVED TEN YEARS.

President Pardons Woman Slayer Sent Up for Life.

Washington, Aug. 9.—President Wilson commuted today to expire immediately the life sentence imposed on James Brumfield in March, 1905, by the federal court in Indian Territory, for the murder of his step-in-law. Brumfield is 60 years old.